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SUBJ: ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS

REF: GUATEMALA 2888

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF JUNE 15  
ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS:

PRESIDENT: DONALDO ALVAREZ RUIZ JC PID

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: RAMIRO PONCE MONROY, CAO

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: OSCAR TARACENA POLANCO, MLN

1ST SECRETARY: HECTOR MORALES Y MORALES, PID

2ND SECRETARY: OSCAR LINARES BARRIENTOS, MLN

3RD SECRETARY: LUIS ORELLANA CHACON, CAO

4TH SECRETARY: ERNESTO CASTELLANOS MANZANERO, PID

END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. BIGGEST SURPRISE OF ELECTION  
WAS INCLUSION OF TWO RELATIVELY UNKNOWN MLN MEMBERS  
AND EXCLUSION OF PR. CASTELLANOS TOLD US JUNE 16 THAT  
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THE TWO MLN MEMBERS WERE INCLUDED AS A "STRATEGIC MOVE"

SO THAT PID COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF BREAKING OF COALITION. BURDEN OF THAT MOVE NOW SHIFTED TO MARIO SANDOVAL. IN VOTING FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, MLN MEMBER TARACENA DID NOT RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM HIS OWN MLN BLOC, WHICH HANDED IN BLANK BALLOTS.

3. LOCAL NEWSMAN TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 14 THAT ARMY HIGH COMMAND PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN DECIDING ELECTION RESULTS. WHEN SANDOVAL THREATENES TO PULL OUT OF COALITION COMPLETELY IF ALVAREZ WERE CHOSEN, ARMY COMMAND MET AND DECIDED THAT MLN SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF IT WANTED TO LEAVE COALITION IT COULD DO SO.

/ NEWSMAN SID THAT FORMER PRESIDENT ARANA ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DECIDING OUTCOME OF MLN-PID DISPUTE. ARANA REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED LAUGERUD AGAINST THEMLN, PROMISING PRESIDENT LAUGERUD SUPPORT FROM 1,000 ORIENTE SHOCK TROOPS IF NEEDED TO COUNTER MLN THREATS OF VIOLENCE. CONGRESSMAN AQUILES PINTO FLORES CONFIRMED TO US JUNE 16 THAT ARANA WAS CONSULTED AND THAT HE CONCURRED IN LAUGERUD'S DECISION TO SUPPORT ALVAREZ, EVEN AT THE RISK OF HAVING SANDOVAL BREAK FROM THE COALITION.K

5. NO COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS OR ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED YET. DCG AND PR PARTIES, WHOSE VOTES WERE CRUCIAL TO THE ALVAREZ VICTORY, ARE EXPECTED TO PUSH HARD TO GET ASSIGNMENTS ON KEY COMMITTEES.

6. COMMENT: MLN HAS SUFFERED MAJOR DEFEAT. THE PARTLY BADLY MISCALCULATED POTENCY OF ITS THREAT TO PULL OUT OF COALITION. INCLUSION OF TWO MLN MEMBERS, ALBEIT LOW-LEVEL ONES, IN THE LEADERSHIP ROBS MLN OF PRETEXT TO PULL OUT OF COALITION ON GROUNDS OF BEING "FROZEN OUT" OF LEADERSHIP. THE MLN'S LOSS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE DISCONTENT OVER SANDVAL'S LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY. ASSIGNMENTS TO IMPORTANT COMMITTEES NOW IS THE NEXT MAJOR POLITICAL EVENT. POST EXPECTS THAT PR AND DCG PARTY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE SOME ASSIGNMENTS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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KEY COMMITTEES, INCLUDING POSSIBLY SOME CHAIRMANSHIPS. THE OPPOSITION WILL THEREFORE HAVE ITS FIRST IMPORTANT SAY IN THE DRAFTING OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. END COMMENT.  
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